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(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

ATHENS, December 19.

Their Greek Majesties have sailed from Piræus for Constantinople in the Greek torpedo boat "Daphne," accompanied by a marshal, a court aide de camp and a guard of honour of twelve bluejackets. The King resolutely declined to sign a decree of abdication.

LATER.

The Government has informed the Diplomatic Missions that Their Majesties departure to Rumania is only temporary. General Condouriotis has been appointed regent.

TRANS-ATLANTIC FREIGHTS

HIGHER RATES NEXT YEAR.

NEW YORK, December 19.

The steamship lines confirm the report that freight rates from North Atlantic ports on this side to the United Kingdom will be advanced from twenty to 25 per cent on about March 1 next.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HOCKEY COMMENT.

Yesterday for the first time this season the Club turned out two teams. Although several of the usual players were absent they did not do so badly, scoring a win for the first and the second just losing to the University. We are glad to see Hockey bucking up like this and trust that we shall see two good Club elevens turning out regularly every week. The Hon. Sec. is doing his best to try and arrange matches; it is only the support of the players that is wanted. Yesterday shows that it can be done, there being only one man short out of the two teams.

There will be no matches next week owing to Boxing Day but we trust to see everyone turning out in full force early in the New Year. The Navy have a very fine team and we trust to see them out again shortly. The University have some very good stuff in their team and with a little practice and the addition of Hett, should make quite a good team. Detailed accounts of yesterday's matches appear below.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

EXCELLENT GAME.

Yesterday afternoon at the U. S. R. C. ground an excellent game took place between the Club and Navy. Neither side was able to turn out its full strength, owing largely to the University. Cricket Match. The Club managed to just pull off a victory, winning by three goals to two. The Navy opened the scoring and kept the lead till half time.

HALF TIME NAVY 1, CLUB 0.

The Club got going in the second half. More equalising, then Woodward scored, giving the Club the lead. This was short-lived, the Navy again scoring, but the Club were not going to be done out of a victory. More putting in the winning shot. For the Navy Comdr. Worthington played a good game at centre half and Gregory was very useful although rather rough and fouling a good deal. Mitchell, who captained the side in the absence of B. D. Evans, played a fine game for the Club. More was good in the forward line, using his pace to advantage.

CLOSE FINISH.

Yesterday afternoon at Happy Valley the Club's 2nd met with a defeat from the University. The Club started one man short but happily the University had brought a reserve who kindly filled the gap. The Varsity started off well keeping most of the play down near the Club's goal. The game was quite young when Omar Shabudin ran through the Club's defence and scored first blood for the University. The Club tried hard to draw level and had rather hard luck, a fine shot from Hyde striking the goal post and bouncing out. After this the University started pressing again but

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

SINGAPORE REJECTS COMPROMISE.

(*China Mail Special.*)

SINGAPORE, December 18. *Reuter's Service to the China Mail.* The Singapore Industrial Bank, an insufficient majority was obtained to support the proposed compromise scheme which was therefore lost.

RESTORING JAPAN.

GOVERNMENT'S BUDGET REDUCED.

TOKYO, December 19.

The Seiyukai Majority party has introduced a bill reducing the restoration of the budget by 140 millions which the Premier this afternoon announced the Government will accept "in view of the urgent nature of the restoration programme and in order that there may be no delay in proceeding with the work." Earlier in the day, well informed sources predicted a dissolution owing to the Seiyukai's demonstration power forcing a heavy reduction of the Government figures but it is now expected that the restoration budget will pass, as amended. The Diet is now debating it.—*Reuter.*

CANTON WORRIES.

QUIET AT CUSTOMS.

EAST RIVER CAMPAIGN.

Up to yesterday afternoon, Dr. Sun Yat-sen had not done anything to carry out his threat of forcibly taking over the Canton Customs, although it is stated that his Foreign Bureau staff is still negotiating. All was quiet on the Bund at the Customs headquarters. Fighting is reported on a front running almost parallel with the East River, between Shik Tan and Tsang Shing, both sides claiming victories. There is no doubt that the pro-Chau troops are again active.

some fine work by the Club's custodian prevented any further score till half time. The second half was far more even but the University still seemed to be having the best of it and Leong Ho Wing scored their second for them about a quarter of an hour after play had been resumed. The Club seemed to wake up and started to press but could not score. Still they persevered and Hyde nearly got through but was blocked near the goal. Fane however, was near the goal. The last five minutes the Club pressed hard but the white play before they could draw level. Thanks are due to the referee for keeping the game well in hand.

MEXICAN MELEE.

TALK OF ARMISTICE.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

VERA CRUZ, December 19.

The newspapers report that General Huerta has communicated with the Federalist General Martin in regard to an armistice. It is stated that the Obregonists lost a hundred men in an unsuccessful sally against the revolutionaries at San Marcos. The Federal troops report that the Rebel forces attacking Italtahermosa have lost heavily in the most bloody fighting in the present revolution.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW ORLEANS, December 19.

The Mexican Consul-General says the rebels yesterday overtook Merida, the capital of Yucatan.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A NON-STARTER.

HENRY FORD AND U.S. PRESIDENCY.

DETROIT, December 19.

Henry Ford declared that like the great majority of American people he felt the country was safe with President Coolidge and he would never consider running as a Presidential candidate against President Coolidge on any ticket.

A WASH-OUT.

CHESTER CONCESSION ANNULLED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 19.

A message from Angora says the Commissar of Works has notified Clayton Kennedy's agent of the annulment of the Chester concession.

SHOT HIMSELF.

LOCAL SKIPPER'S SUICIDE.

FOUND DEAD IN CABIN.

Seated in a chair with a bullet wound in his right temple and a revolver lying between his knees, Captain A. Newby was found dead in his cabin aboard the small Chinese steamer "Wing Tai," of which he was Master, at about half past six this morning. He had evidently committed suicide.

The discovery was made by a cabin steward when he went along with the Captain's morning tea. At once the police flag was hoisted and when Sub-Inspector Bond, of the Water Police, went aboard the ship, lying off Samshulpo, he found that the body was still warm.

Captain Newby was a man well over 50 and had been a well-known figure along the West River for a good many years past. As far as could be ascertained this morning he has no relatives here and a funeral is being arranged for by the China Coast Officers Guild though he was not a member of that organisation.

The "Wing Tai" belongs to the Tai Cheung Steamship Company, and is usually employed on the Kowloon-Shui Tung run. She came down to Hongkong on Saturday for repairs.

WHIST, WHIST!

Another highly successful Whist Drive was held at the Seamen's Institute yesterday evening. So many more people than expected arrived to participate in the games that tables had to be arranged in the Manager's private rooms, in the Officers' Billiard Room and on the first floor landing. At the conclusion, Kowloon Residents and others were taken to their respective destinations by the Mission Launch "Dayspring." Mr. C. T. May again gave valuable help as M.C. assisted by Mr. A. T. Boteler. The winners of the various prizes were:—Ladies' 1st, Mr. May, 176; 2nd, Mrs. White, 174; 3rd, Mrs. Burden, 172; Hidden Number, Miss Hill 143; Booby, Mrs. Castle-dene, 139.

Gentlemen's 1st, Mr. Greenwood, 180; 2nd, Mr. Linson, 181; 3rd, Mr. Bilton, 180; Hidden Number, Mr. Hyne, 155; Booby, Mr. McGarry, 138.

The next Institute Whist Drive will take place on Jan. 9th.

A *Reuter* cable from London announces the death of the Rev. Dr. J. H. Lowett, D.D., who was born in 1864. He succeeded Dr. Dale at Carr's Lane Chapel, Birmingham, in 1905 and was there until 1911, when he accepted the ministry of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, returning to England in 1917 as minister of Westminster Chapel. He was Chairman of the Congregational Union in 1906 and was a noted preacher and writer of devotional books.

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Bowen Rd. (Shek-he)	500
MAINLAND.	
Tai-mo-shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971
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youths and girls from America and
from other countries.

Certainly rapid communication
nowadays prompts all nations to
these mutual borrowings. During
the war dozens of French words
were assimilated here.

But isn't this the beginning of the
universal language so much desired
by the very experts who yet con-
demn its first lisping when they
hear them? Are not the slangy
youth and the "Americanised"
flapper linguistic pioneers without
knowing it?

Let them alone! In a few years
they may be able to travel every-
where without the need of a
dictionary.

Stage Animals.

Trained animals have always
been very popular with the French
and there are two winter
circuses in operation all the
time in Paris. Recently French
authorities have been making
exhaustive inquiries as to how per-
forming animals are trained. It is
understood that those inquiries
have shown that this training is
almost torture. It is believed that
efforts will be made to eliminate
performing animals from all
French films where they have a
prominent place. The French
Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals has appealed
to film makers not to employ
animals in the future. The mem-
bers of this society have agreed to
leave any theatre or motion picture
house where performing animals
are shown. It is doubtful if this will
be effective. As we write there is
a letter from a kindly lady in one
of the evening papers who wants
all the animals in the Central Park
Zoo and in the New York Zoolo-
gical Park returned to their native
jungle. It is strange how many
misguided persons are at large!

A Tea Substitute

A new drink called "Cassina"
may give tea a run. It is brewed
after the manner of tea from the
leaves of the cassina shrub which
grows abundantly along the South
Atlantic and Gulf States. Its active
principle is caffeine. Cassina con-
tains less tannin than tea, however,
and is less harmful to the system
on this account. The average of all
analyses of cassina made by the
bureau showed a content of 1 per
cent of caffeine, and some samples
ran as high as 1.65 per cent. The
highest amount found in coffee is
given as 1.80 per cent, and for tea
the percentage runs as high as 3.50.
About a year ago Congress appro-
priated \$5,000 for the investigation
of the possibilities of the cassina
plant. The Bureau of Chemistry,
using this money and a lot of old
tea manufacturing machinery
which had been used in the Govern-
ment's long and futile attempts
to grow tea at a reasonable cost set
up an experimental station for the
manufacture of cassina near Char-
leston, S. C. The shrub grew wild
in the vicinity, and the bureau's
experiments hinged largely about the
manufacture from its leaves of a
product from which the caffeine con-
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The voluptuousness of Purita-
nism has never received full re-
cognition.

No religious formula has em-
braced all mankind; groups are as
inevitable as individuality within
the group.

To eat, drink, and be merry is to
make death inevitable and leave
immortality in all its old un-
certainty of tenure.

Mass production has invaded
every walk of life, and we are all
in danger of being branded like
herded cattle.

If Whittman makes a virtue of the
inevitable, Shaw turns the inevi-
table into a vice.

As modern commerce develops
and gets a firmer grip upon all
things, including art, the little
citizens of personal variety and
excellence will be needed not only
to give life to the few who like
such things, but to provide a num-
ber of places for new ideas.

A great deal of nonsense is talk-
ed about books, especially when
they are assembled in libraries. A
public library is an invaluable in-
stitution for the student. It is
essential for purposes of research.
But a public library may also be
nothing more than the convenient
instrument of a bad habit.

The American people are only
repeating the melting-pot process
which England has practised
successfully from the age.

The tavern, even when a paternal
Furberian robe is of most comfort-
able, will always remain a
symbol of taste and good fellow-
ship of high talk and inspired im-
agination in the memories of men
who find that if they ever come
will no longer be a tavern of the
past. From *Dead Poets* by Bernard
Lynch.

The Golfer.

The golfer lunges fiercely at the
ball and scars the fair turf some-
thing cruel, removing the father of
all divots. The divot gets off on a
true line and outdistances the ball
by five yards. The ball has been
but slightly disturbed.

This crisis is too poignant for
words. The man merely strides to
the nearest tree and with perfect
stun and swing wraps about its
trunk the shaft of the choice brassy.

He then laughs in a hollow man-
ner, and goes swiftly away from
there. He is some-what eased in
mind by this demonstration that he
is a man and not a worm.

Sex in Wax.

London's manhood is suffering
from a scandalous indignity, writes
a correspondent.

I refer to the question of the wax
models appearing in fashionable
shopfront.

During the last few years the
silent women of London have be-
come more and more attractive.

From simpering, silly creatures
with farious expressions, they have
changed to charming women with
intellectual faces and haunting
charm.

In High-street, Kensington W.,
the other day I saw one woman
with so graceful a manner and
so cultured and attractive a
face that I felt she could only be a
Hermione or a Francesca.

On the other side of the road how-
ever, I saw a little while ago a
dreadful apparition. He was a wax
gentleman. Sidney, as I have
named him, was in evening dress.

His trousers were very baggy, he
had a large red handkerchief
protruding from the top of his
waistcoat, and he had a silly face
with a little black moustache.

He might have been an organ-
grinder or a coster monger going to
ball in hired evening dress, and he
was actually entering with a smirk
a room in which were several
charming women.

Why should waxen men be so
contemptible? Why should they
not have a loving care spent on their
faces, and stand—handsome, well
dressed, elegant—in company with
their glorious women companions?
There are plenty of men who could
act as models.

How I would like to put Her-
mione (or is it Francesca?) in the
same window as Sidney and see
him melt and crumple and collapse
under her gaze.

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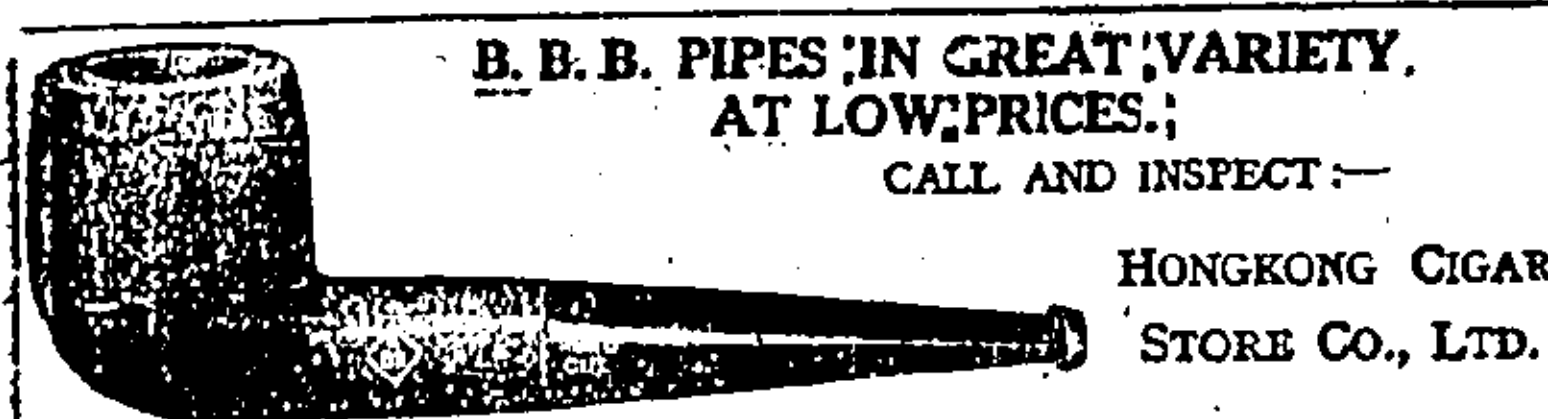
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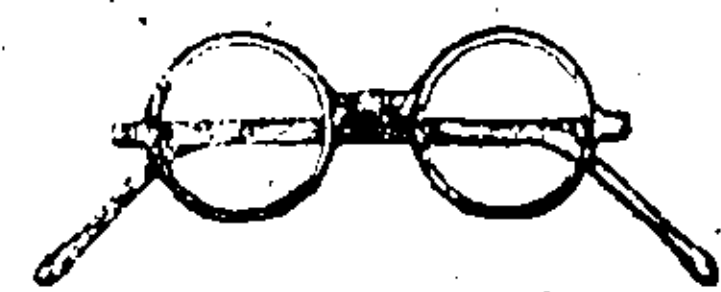
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DR. SUN'S APPEAL.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's manifesto "To my friends the American people" which we published yesterday is to say the least a moving document. It is addressed to the people of one Nation and is therefore probably not the concern of others except so far as any statement in the manifesto concerns the actions of the accredited representatives of other nations.

We make no apology for this reference to Dr. Sun's compelling utterance. It has attracted us by reason of its simplicity but grandeur of utterance, and by the note of sincerity and feeling which to us is its prevailing note. We may be mistaken of course, and this may after all be but another to be added to the many which have gone before, and which apparently have fallen on stony ground. We prefer to believe that Dr. Sun is sincere and in earnest and that the sight of American warships at his very door ready for action moves him to this paper of rebuke and appeal.

At the same time, whilst we readily recognize this grandeur of utterance and simple sincerity, it does not blind us to the weakness, and we regret to say it, certain inaccuracies in the appeal. On the

general question of the Canton Customs we have expressed a desire for an authoritative reply to Dr. Sun's contention that on every moral ground the surplus of the Customs revenues in the Kwangtung Province, after allowing for the interest nominally due by the Province on foreign loans, should be handed over to "My Government," ostensibly for the purpose of resisting the effects of the Government at Peking which is at the moment the one recognized by the Powers. The Manifesto which has directed our thoughts anew to the situation at Canton loses some of its majestic force when it suggests as it does that the American war boats are obsessed with the "wish to shoot us." We have to remind Dr. Sun that, as he must well know, the wish to shoot does not lie at the doors of the American ships, nor for that matter with those who at the moment represent their different governments. In speaking so rashly and in this way, weakening to a considerable degree a case that many desire to sympathize with he leaves himself open to the taunt that he himself possessed that wish to shoot and exercised it in no uncertain manner. It remains to be seen what response, if any is made by "my friends the American people." If we judge the American Government on its European record, on its known sympathy with the Chinese people, its outward array of force at Canton is there because it sincerely believes that in the

interest of moral right it is doing its duty not merely to itself, but to China as well.

TANGIER.

The settlement of the "Tangier Tangle" after a decade of wrangling, is ascribed as a triumph of British diplomacy. How and in what way is not made clear, but it is satisfaction enough to know that one of the storm centres of the world is now likely to be a haven of peace and that as a result trade—and British trade in particular—is likely to find an avenue for its far-reaching maws. There have of recent years been more jealousies, envies and quarrels about Tangier than about any other town in Europe or Africa. The place has almost caused several wars and in its own way in fomenting rancours between France and Germany, contributed in the work of making possible the hostilities which commenced in 1914. Germany was especially anxious to obtain control of Tangier, whilst France, through its influence over the Sultan, who is still nominally the sovereign in this enclave, as well as in the French zone of Morocco, sought to obtain, if not undivided control, at least a predominant position. That suggests a piquant position. It was made more so when England became concerned, as was natural, about equal opportunities for commerce and enterprise, and could not possibly disinterested itself in a town which faced Gibraltar across the narrow channel which opens the trade route of supreme importance to the British. In spite of its unfortunate experiences in Morocco, Spain could not resist the feeling that Tangier, which forms a little wedge in Spanish Morocco, should be a Spanish port, whilst other powers, including Italy were always alert when the problem of Tangier was discussed. Tangier constitutes, in the enormous disorder and insecurity of the Spanish zone, a city of refuge, a sanctuary. Practically unprotected, it is never attacked by the rebels who, from time to time, inflict the most serious reverses on the Spanish forces. The French would probably be glad if some day the Spanish zone fell into their lap like a ripe fruit; in the meantime they are content to develop their own zone and to leave the Spaniards to their difficulties and disillusion. It seems that the French have been anxious to obtain the chief control of Tangier. By treaty, Tangier was to receive a special régime, and in fact, just before the war a statute of internationalisation was elaborated but left unsigned. The diplomatic corps installed in the town have done their best, but when not the smallest work could be undertaken without provoking opposition, when the various authorities always failed to agree, the development of Tangier became impossible. These undisciplined facts make the unravelling of the tangle, and the smoothing of difficulties one of interest and a matter of heartfelt congratulation. It has taken a long time and we may be thankful that the triumph of it is ascribed to British diplomacy, which, like the Navy is "silent," and seeks in a mysterious way its wonders to perform. For too long have we had it that Great Britain had become a mere cypher. Mr. Asquith's latest utterance is to that effect. It must be a matter of opinion, but such settlements as the Tangier one, give us hope. It may be best for us all—and in these matters the long view must be taken—that a settlement without recourse to force is preferable, even if it takes years to perform. Our means loss of lives and a waste of money. The other simply means a loss of trade which means money. Assuming that lives are more valuable than money, let us be grateful for what the ways of diplomacy have accomplished.

Is It Necessary?

In the original scheme put forward by the Labour Party for a Capital Levy it was proposed that all persons found to be owning more than one thousand pounds' worth of capital should be liable to the levy. But the spokesmen of the

party after a short time discovered that this would be so unpopular that the proposed level of exemption has now been raised to £5,000. After the exemption limit has been passed there is to be a graduated scale beginning at 5 per cent, and rising rapidly. For example, on properties between £15,000 and £20,000 the scale would be 25 per cent. It rises to as much as 60 per cent.

The principal argument urged in favour of this levy used to be that it was essential in the public interest to reduce the National Debt as rapidly as possible, so as to reduce taxation. That argument has since to some extent been abandoned, for the advocates of the levy now urge that the money obtained should be largely be used for what are called "social purposes."

Assuming for the sake of argument all these purposes to be worthy objects for national expenditure, it still remains for the advocates of the levy to explain why the money could not be raised by ordinary methods of taxation rather than by a capital levy.

In the current year the estimated revenue—excluding sales of war stores and the like—is £812,000,000. Apart from the comparatively small sum raised by death duties, the whole of this huge revenue is obtained out of current incomes by means of an income tax, by taxes on various forms of expenditure, and by payments for public services. According to the calculations of the spokesmen of Labour a capital levy would yield some £3,000,000. This capital sum, after allowing for the loss of revenue that would result from seizing capital, is estimated to improve the finances of the State by £70,000,000 a year.

That is the whole financial gain that the levy, according to the estimates of its own advocates, would yield. Yet three years ago we obtained by ordinary methods of taxation no less than £1,138,000,000, or £300,000,000 a year more than we are now raising. Therefore, if it be desirable to increase public expenditure, the means are already to hand in our existing system of taxation.

To add to that system an entirely new form of taxation is financially quite unnecessary. The dangers involved are very grave. The members of the Labour Party seem to imagine that capital is a form of personal luxury which nobody is entitled to enjoy. Capital is not a personal luxury; it is an industrial necessity. Without capital our industries would be brought to a standstill and our people would be starving.

A news item says the HOLY. French have occupied the railway stations at Wickede and Assin, because four drunk French soldiers were thrashed by the population. The French reprisals are called "sanctions" (Derivation: Latin, sanctus, holy.)

SPEECH.

Here is a sermonette by a man of 85: "We pass this way but once. We cannot retrace our steps to any preceding milestone. Every time the clock strikes it is both the announcement of the hour upon which we are entering and the knell of the one which is gone. Each night memory balances the books, and we know before we sleep whether the result is on the right or on the wrong side of the account."

"The older we grow the more we realize that life is worth the living. We think too little of the fun there is in it. We are too parsimonious of laughter. We do not appreciate as we ought the man or the woman who can make us forget while we are amused. We cannot help the past, and that man is a fool who lives in it. To-day is a better day than yesterday."

"The secrets of happiness and longevity in my judgment, are to cherish and cultivate cheerful, hopeful and buoyant spirits. If you haven't them create them. Enjoy things as they are."

The raggedest person I ever saw was a Turkish peasant standing in the field, clothed in bits of old carpet. He was laughing hilariously at our well clothed party. The combination of colour and humour made him a thing of beauty, if not a joy forever."

"Let us never lose our faith in human nature; no matter how often we are deceived. Do not let deceptions destroy confidence in the real, honest goodness, generosity, humanity and friendship that exist in the world. They are overwhelmingly in the majority."

SENTENCED.

One scandal grows out of another. When serious corruption at the Yawata (Japan) Iron-works was disclosed two or three years ago, the accused entrusted a lawyer, named Koma Takichiko with ¥60,000. The lawyer bolted with it, and his whereabouts being unknown, has been sentenced to five years' imprisonment. He is not likely to return. No wonder. Notice the name: (1) Take, and then (2) Hiko.

THE GAME OF VACCINATION.

A Section of Philadelphia was recently the scene of a wonderfully fascinating game for policemen and physicians. It consisted in routing out of their beds some 1500 individuals early one Sunday morning in an area roped off by the police and declared to be under quarantine by the doctors, because the latter had claimed to discover a certain case and wanted in consequence to vaccinate everybody in sight. And they were to a great extent successful in their efforts, it would appear, for over 500 persons allowed themselves to be thus "treated," the medical inspector of the Board of Health supervising the entire affair.

This, let it be said, is the greatest democratic federation of the world. The Hongkong Chinese have no grouse after this.

Who said there's no economy in the Post Office? Suburban letter carriers in Adelaide have to return their indelible pencil when they have got down to the last inch, in order that the lead may be used for making ink.

How many, we wonder, ever decide what kind of death they would like. The thought is prompted by the news of the death of Dr. John Clifford who died at a meeting almost immediately after he had made a speech. Truly this can be described as dying in harness, for the veteran Doctor was if nothing else a preacher and a speaker—and a doughty exponent of militant Non-Confemity. We can remember well how often his name appeared in the papers at the time protests were being made at the passing and working of the Education Act and the refusal of many people to pay Education rates. Their goods were levied and put to auction; the auction sale being made the occasion of a meeting. From being called Passive Resisters they were finally dubbed Submissive Protestors.

"This is a hard luck of a service," grumbled the passenger to the conductor after leaving the tram. "Didn't you get a seat?" asked Farra. "Sure," retorted the grumbler, "but me wife had ter stand all the way."

"What is the difference between a man who puts something on a horse, and another who telephones to his broker to put \$500 into oil shares, with exactly the same object?" asked the Rev. E. Lees at the Diocesan Conference at Southend. "Many churchwardens and church officers are doing this thing in one form or another," the Rev. E. Lees continued. "Gambling is not a sin, it is damnably so."

The Bishop of Chelmsford, who presided, reproved the Rev. E. Lees for saying "damn."

The Rev. E. Lees then declared that if he had to live in a backstreet in Cannington he would bet, because of the dullness of church and church life. The Church should try to make use of everything, from the racecourse to the pulpit.

The Rev. E. Lees added that he knew of an instance of two churchgoers betting on whether he would preach from the Old or from the New Testament. He preached on the revision of the Prayer Book. One of the backers said that he won, but he did not get paid.

This confirms us somewhat in our own opinion. Gambling is a damnably, but only when you lose.

There is a story of a young housemaid who did not appear at prayers. The housekeeper asked her the reason why. She replied that she did not like his Lordship always praying "at" her.

When his Lordship read out, "O Lord, who hatest nothing thou hast made," she thought he said, "O Lord, who hatest nothing but the housemaid."

A firm of Publishers GENTLE assure us they received the following from Kimberley.

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Common sense is for the bourgeoisie. Non-sense is the privilege of the aristocracy. The worries of the world are for the common people. Meanwhile the elect may amuse and divert itself with gipsy philosophies and wheezeful metaphysics. Only the cultivated, the well-to-do and the secure are safe and free to indulge themselves in holidays from acumen.

Lord Curzon admits that JIBES. he has grown through out a lifetime under a cruel brand of an undergraduate jibe. This must be the couplet which rhymed with his name and described him as a "Superior purzon." These jibes are not uncommon. Several men in the Colony, if they only knew it, have jibes tacked on to them—some very truthful and apposite and hitting them off to a T. We knew a chap at home who was dubbed "Soapy Sam" the simple reason being that he was continually rubbing his hands with an invisible lather. He got out of it by saying that at any rate his hands were clean.

Today's Poem. (Echo's Reply.) I sit and ponder o'er Earth's turmoil'd state, And a mixed vision of buoyancy and gloom. Comes hovering 'neath my mind's outspreading wings, Till, tired of my fill, I think of Doom.

Afar off, amidst the myriad twinkling lights, There runs the constant hum of human ocean. Loud shriek the horns of motors passing by, Threading their way along with speedy motion.

I ask: "Is life worth living after all?" And Echo answers: "Shame! This world's a banquet-hall!" —ZAMIE.

in the Yellow Dragon.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

DECEMBER 20. 1808. We are enjoying now in all its glory the genuine long frost belonging to Christmas.

POINCARÉ'S POUND OF FLESH. "Monsieur poincaré is, so they say, A legal man with a legal way; A logical man with logical views, Which he neatly states in French reviews. He clearly shows which facts are facts, Which debts are debts, and which facts-pacts, As he placidly weaves his legal mesh, And lays his claim to his 'pound of flesh.' When the dead men rise on Judgment Day, From the Armas chalk and the Flanders clay, Who fought and died to gain redress, That the world might be freed from frightfulness."

"Will he answer his God with a legal look And a Sunday speech and a 'Yellow Book'?" IN THE NATION.—A. N. K.

SHADOWS BEFORE. Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS. December 20.—Coronet Theatre; Ben Turpin in "A Small Town Idol." December 20.—Star Theatre; Anita Stewart in "The Yellow Typhoon." December 20.—World Theatre; "Moon Madness." December 20.—The Grand Theatre; Herbert Rawlinson in "Fools and Riches." December 20.—Theatre Royal; Italian Grand Opera in "Madam Butterfly."

SPORT. December 23.—Special Medal Round for men on Old Golf course, Fanning.

SOCIAL. December 20.—At City Hall, M.C.L. Fancy Dress Ball, 9.30 p.m. December 22.—Special Theatricals at Repulse Bay, 4.30-6.30 p.m. January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

LAND SALES. December 24.—At P.W.D. offices, one lot of Crown Land, 3 p.m.

AUCTION. December 21.—Lammert Bros., property, machinery plant and tanning chemicals of the Hongkong Hide and Leather Co., Ltd., at Sales Rooms, 3 p.m. December 22.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, a choice lot of liquors, noon.

OTHER MEETINGS. December 21.—Annual general meeting of Royal H.K. Golf Club, at Jardine Matheson's, 5.15 p.m. December 21.—Annual general meeting of V.R.C. 5.30 p.m. January 3.—Annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies' Section), at Helena May Institute, 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL. Lighting up time to-day is at 5.43 p.m.

Notes on the Wembley Empire Exhibition will be found in this issue of the China Mail.

The ricksha coolies have appealed to the Government regarding the cancellation of licences.

The China Mail acknowledges receipt of an attractive 1924 calendar from Messrs. Graces and Co.

Sugar, rice and flour quotations will be found in this issue of the China Mail under Commercial Notes.

A series of notes in connection with the British Empire Exhibition will be found in this issue of the China Mail.

In connection with to-night's Ball, permission has been granted for motor cars to run beyond the scheduled time.

COUNCIL MEETING.

OPTUM LAW QUERY.

The second readings of the seven new bills introduced last week were taken at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council. The measures dealt with were—

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Holidays Ordinance, 1912.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the Law relating to Opium.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance 1900.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to confer certain powers of arrest on forest officers.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the Companies Ordinance, 1911.

A Bill intituled An Ordinance to regulate the admission of persons into the Colony of Hongkong.

The Attendance.

There were present—

His Excellency the Governor, Sir R. E. Smalls, K.C.M.G.

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Sir. Claud Severn, K.B.E., C.M.G.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E.

The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving.

The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy.

The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall.

Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., O.B.E., Clerk of Councils.

Ships and Smuggling.

The new measures were passed into law mostly without comment. In the committee stage of the bill relating to the opium law, however, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang suggested that the words which appear below in italics should be omitted from Section 21 (3) which provides that if any ship is proved to have been used for smuggling it shall be deemed to have contravened the provisions of the law unless it is proved, to the satisfaction of the magistrate, that every reasonable precaution has been taken to prevent the unlawful use of the ship "and that none of the officers or of their servants or of the crew of such ship were implicated therein."

The Hon. Mr. Lang pointed out that the Chamber of Commerce had several times made unsuccessful representations to have this altered. He claimed that it was obviously impossible for the owner to prove that no member of the ship's company was implicated. In support of his argument he quoted from the decision given by Mr. J. R. Wood in the case in which the owners of the "Loongsang" were fined \$1,000 not long ago.

In reply His Excellency indicated that he was prepared to give further consideration to the question but pointed out that at present they were only proposing to consolidate and not to alter the law. The particular point raised could be dealt with separately by an amendment of the Ordinance if a form of words suitable to both parties could be found. His Excellency went on, however, to denote his disagreement with the Hon. Mr. Lang's contention that it is impossible to prove that none of the officers or men have been implicated. "We have not," he said, "received from the shipping owners of the Colony the support we have a right to expect." They had not dealt sufficiently severely with employees whose *bona fides* had been put in doubt and it was a well known fact that the comrades departments of these shipping firms had a great deal to do with these matters. Regarding the "Loongsang" case His Excellency expressed the opinion that Mr. Wood's remarks were "scarcely in accordance with the evidence."

His Excellency's suggestion that the clause should stand was adopted and the bill was accordingly passed into law unaltered.

STATUE SQUARE CARS.

THEFT OF MOTOR TOOLS.

Valuable tools, chauffeur's raincoats and other articles have been missing from cars parked in Statue Square recently with the result that drivers have been on the lookout for the miscreant. A Chinese has been arrested and was charged before Mr. E. V. Hamilton this morning when he was sentenced to two months imprisonment. During the hearing of the case a number of men in smart liveries occupied the witness box for some time.

OUR FINANCES.

TO-DAY'S COUNCIL VOTES.

The following financial recommendations by H.E. the Governor were considered by the finance committee at the close of this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council:

\$800 in aid of the vote Bacteriological Institute, and Mortuaries, Other Charges, Animals and Fodder.

\$25,000 in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Grant in aid of Charitable Institution: John G. Kerr Hospital, Canton.

\$20,000 in aid of the vote Imports and Exports Department, Other Charges, Opium, Purchase of Raw Opium, &c.

\$11,050 in aid of the following votes:—

Medical Department, Civil Hospital, Other Charges:—

Bedding and Clothing.....\$ 7,400.00

Cleansing Materials.....350.00

Furniture.....3,300.00

Total.....\$11,050.00

\$4,100 in aid of the following votes:—

Fire Brigade, Other Charges:—

Incidental Expenses.....100.00

Repairs to Motor Engines and Plant.....500.00

Repairs to Floating Engines.....3,500.00

Total.....\$ 4,100.00

CHINA LIGHT COY.

KOWLOON DEVELOPMENT.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

This morning the fifth ordinary yearly meeting of the China Light and Power Coy. (1918) Ltd. was held at the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co. Mr. W. Adamson presided and there were present:—Messrs. G. W. Burton, A. H. Compton, C. A. da Rosa and Lee Hy-san (Consulting Committee) S. F. Chubb (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—R. G. Shewan, H. H. Taylor, Tong Loo-ting, Tse Tsan-tai, J. Toppin, F. Farrant, P. G. Tavares, A. A. Botelho, J. H. Donnithorne, A. H. Shields and A. A. Cordeiro.

The Chairman said:—The statement of accounts for the twelve months ending September 30, 1923 has been in your hands for some days and following the usual procedure I will, with your permission, take them for the period covered by the accounts is \$396,152.21 as compared with \$266,657.92 for the previous twelve months which, I think, you will agree is very satisfactory. The balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$254,721.79 and we propose to deal with this sum by placing \$25,000.00 to Goodwill thus closing this account in our books, paying a dividend of 60 cents on the old shares, and 40 cents on the new absorbing \$199,972.00 and carrying forward \$29,749.79. It is perhaps unnecessary to point out that the 40 cents on the new shares is the proportion due them from the date upon which the instalments on these shares were paid. In reviewing the dividend it has to be borne in mind that the Capital of the Company has been doubled since we last met.

Our business I am glad to say continues to grow steadily, and though I cannot hold out the hope that the increase in the current twelve months will be as large as in the period under review, I am confident that when this meeting is held next year the Shareholders will have no cause for complaint. It is unnecessary to draw the attention of local Shareholders to the rapid development of Kowloon, but non-residents interested in our Company will doubtless be glad to learn that this development is likely to continue for a good many years to come.

The future calls for light and power have our constant attention and full provision has and will continue to be made for all demands that are likely to be made upon us.

The report and accounts having been unanimously adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. A. A. Botelho, the re-election of Sir Paul Chater and Messrs. A. E. Compton, G. W. Burton, C. A. de Rosa and Lee Hy-san members of the Consulting Committee was agreed to on the motion of Mr. F. Farrant seconded by Mr. F. J. Tavares.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$400 each on the motion of Mr. Tse Tsan-tai seconded by Mr. J. Toppin.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place in March, at Shanghai, between Miss Helen Margaret Benson, daughter of Mr. C. Benson, late of the Indian Civil Service, Madras, of Bangalore, Mysore, and Dr. William B. A. Moore, Government Medical Officer in charge of Kowloon and the New Territories.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Exchange on London is 2/3 1/2 on Shanghai 60 1/4.

Mrs. E. Cock is to distribute the prizes to-morrow at the Kowloon Junior British School.

It is advertised that the Jazz band of H. M. S. Despatch will play at the Palace Hotel on Saturday, December 22.

Eleven fresh cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, two of the patients being Japanese and the others Chinese.

Owing to the indisposition of the principal singer, Madam Buterfly will not be sung to-night by the Italian Grand Opera Co. Instead, Lucia de Lammermoor will be given.

There will be a Children's Fancy Dress Dance at the Helena May Institute to-morrow, Friday, December 21st. Tickets, for children and adults, 75 cents each. Tea will be served from 4 o'clock. —Advt.

A non-fatal motor accident occurred at Queen's Road East yesterday, when a Chinese boy, 14 years of age, was knocked down by taxi No. 981. The police cleared away a big crowd all agog with excitement and removed the boy to hospital. He had a cut on the back of his head.

Admiral Rawlinson's name was mentioned in Dr. Sun Yat-sen's appeal to the American people as printed in the *China Mail* yesterday. This was a mistake as Admiral Rawlinson's name did not appear in Dr. Sun's original manifesto. Dr. Sun said simply "an American admiral."

"Carmen" by the Italian Grand Opera Coy. drew a numerous audience to the Theatre Royal last night, which included Lady Stubbs and party. From a somewhat incoherent first act, the music developed in richness and beauty to its dramatic conclusion. The principals were all in excellent voice. To-night "Lucia" is to be given.

The *China Mail* acknowledges with many thanks a combination desk blotter diary and calendar, from the Import Department of Messrs. Jardine Matheson Co. Ltd. This seems to reach the height of effective and useful advertising. The Import Department may be interested to know that for some considerable time we hope their gift will grace the editorial desk and be of constant use. The convenience advertised Nobel Industries for whom Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. act as agents.

The trial of the two men who were brought up at the Criminal Sessions yesterday on charges arising out of the kidnapping and holding to ransom of the son of a Canton pawnbroker with business connections in Hongkong was concluded yesterday afternoon. The jury after a brief retirement found the prisoners guilty on all counts, but at the suggestion of the Crown Solicitor, His Lordship did not pass sentence on the prisoners, stating that he would not do so for another month in which time they would have an opportunity of trying to arrange for the unfortunate kidnapped boy to be released, hinting at mitigation of sentence if they succeeded in doing so.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock returned to the Colony by the s.s. "Suwa Maru."

Mr. B. D. Evans is to be installed Worshipful Master of the Perseverance Lodge of Freemasonry this evening.

The fancy dress ball in aid of the Ministering Children's League takes place at the City Hall to-night at 9.30 p.m.

Rabbi Hirsch of Shanghai has decided to accept the call extended him by the Pretoria Hebrew congregation and will leave Shanghai on January 5, via San Francisco and New York.

Mr. J. D. F. Kinnaird was married to Miss A. J. McMillan yesterday at Union Church, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald officiating. Both belong to Glenoch, Scotland. Mr. Kinnaird's friends turned out in force to extend their hearty congratulations. The wedding cake was supplied by Wiseman's.

BATTERY PATH THIEF.

SENTENCED TO JAIL AND WHIPPING.

Major C. Willson of the Magistracy took part in the arrest of a Chinese late last night and the latter was brought before Mr. E. V. Hamilton this morning on a charge of snatching a silver meshed bag valued at \$35 from a Japanese lady, at Battery Path.

After evidence had been called His Worship imposed sentence of two months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

IN BRIEF.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

CABLES.

Mr. Bonar Law left \$51,397.

The Madam Curie Pension Bill has been unanimously adopted in the Paris Chamber.

The British golfers Havers and Ockenden have arrived in America on a four months' tour.

An advance of from 20% to 25% in freight rates for next year, from North Atlantic ports is announced.

The King of Greece "resolutely declined" to sign a decree of abdication. The Royal party has left Athens.

The Afghan Government has launched a new compulsory recruitment scheme whereby one man in eight is conscripted for the army.

The Senate has carried a resolution authorising a joint committee of the two Houses to investigate the feasibility of establishing a channel from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi.

The *Jiji* (Tokio) reports that Marquis Kimmochi Satonji has had a stroke of paralysis at his home in Okitsu. —Reuter. —[He was appointed Prime Minister of Japan in 1906 and has been Minister to Austria, and Berlin and leader of the "Seiyukwai." —ED., *China Mail*.]

GENERAL.

San Francisco—A decision by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals declares void the California law forbidding employers to exact pledges from employees not to join labour unions.

Boston—Plans for a new memorial to Gen. Francis Amasa Walker, former president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have been approved. The decoration will be placed in the Walker Memorial Building lobby.

Riga—The newspapers here report the co-operation of a group of French capitalists with the Russian industrialist, Mr. Zhivotovsky, in obtaining a large concession in the Krivov-Rog coal and iron district for a period of 50 years. Work is to begin in the spring. The Krivov-Rog collieries are said to be the best in South Russia, their annual output in normal times being 2,500,000 tons.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

THE BEN LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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1924 issue

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TO THE

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, all departments will be open for business until 5 P.M.

ON MONDAY, the 24th instant, all departments will be open until 7 P.M.

ON THESE DAYS, the Dispensing Department will remain open, until 7.30 P.M.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY and WEDNESDAY, 26th December, all departments will be CLOSED. The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open for dispensing prescriptions from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 6 P.M. to 7.30 P.M.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.

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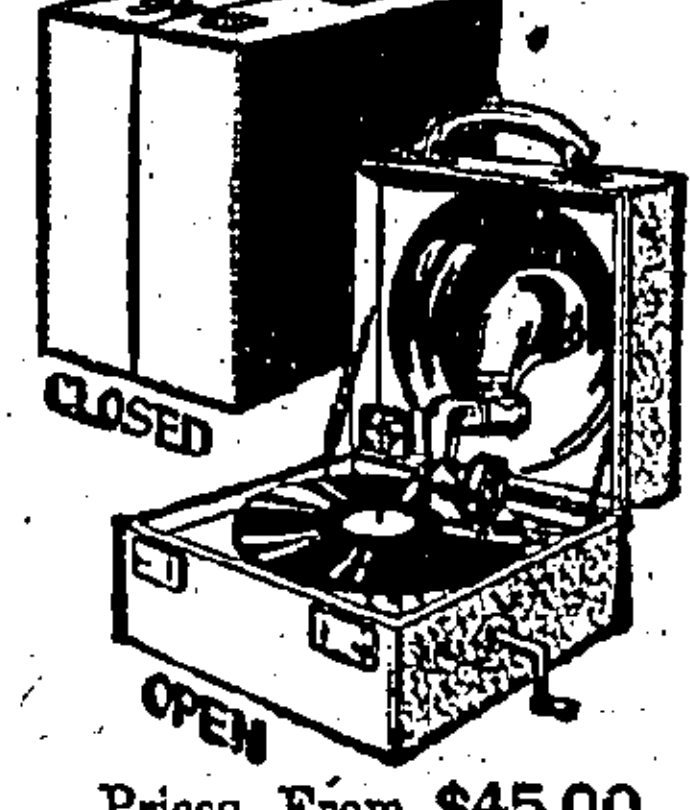
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FOR BRINDISI, VENICE, AND TRIESTE.

VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG AND COLOMBO.

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SECÇÃO PORTUGUESA.

NATAL.

Vamos festivamente comemorar na próxima terça-feira o dia de Natal. O dia consagrado à Família, à comunhão universal, dia de recolhimento e reflexão em que se deve analisar o emprego do tempo decorrido e se traça a nova rota deste mar amargo da vida. Natal! Que suavidade infinita nesta palavra! Que docuras de longínquas recordações que ela evoca! Sim, não podemos deixar passar despercebido este dia que o Governo da República com todo o acerto decretou feriado consagrado à família e que nós os cristãos de todo o mundo celebramos de facto, numa polícroma, exibição festiva de velhos usos dos nossos avós, como que perpetuando, numa consagração de recolhimento universal, esse notabilíssimo mas modesto Nascimento que às famílias veio trazer a Liberdade, a Igualdade, e a Fraternidade. A liberdade de praticar o bem e que resgatou o pobre das mãos do poderoso, a igualdade que destruiu as barreiras de odiosos privilégios e a fraternidade dignificada até a caridade, não de palavras, mas em todas as nossas obras. Sim, o dia de Natal é festa de família tanto para o crente que curva o joelho junto às palhinhas do berço do que se proclama Filho de Deus como para o indiferente e ate para o discreto. Bemaventurados exclamou Ele, o Filho de Deus repetidas vezes as multidões: "Bemaventurados os que choram porque eles serão consolados." E não bem os que vos odeiam e pedi por aqueles que vos perseguem e caluniam.

É festa de família em todo o nosso formoso torrao Natal como também em todos os mais longínquos recantos da terra porque nada mais humano e edificante que acompanhar e acalantar a arraigada usança das infantis alegrias e efusões de afecto das nossas casas como nada mais nobre e confortante que respeitar a veneranda tradição dos nossos maiores, no que ela tem de mais ingenuo e simples, no que ela significa de mais honesto e dalcificante.

Celebraram já este dia os gloriosos aventureiros das nossas descobertas, os nossos grandes heróis da conquista do Continente Negro, das Velhas Índias, da Ásia e da Oceania, entre cujas gentili-

dades derramaram o fãrol iluminador da Fé. Mostra-o nas seguintes monumentais estrofes o imortal Camões que, para exaltar a brilhante epopeia nacional, entrelaçou o heroísmo com a crença.

Trazia o Sol o dia celebrado
 Em que tres Reis das partes do Oriente
 Foram buscar um Rei de pouco nado
 No qual Rei outros tres ha juntamente;
 Neste dia outro posto foi tomado
 Por nós, da mesma já contada gente,
 Num largo rio, ao qual o nome demos
 Do dia em que por ele nos metemos.

Oh ditosos aqueles que puderam
 Entre as agudas lanchas Africanas
 Morrer, enquanto fortes sostiveram
 A santa Fé, nas terras Mauritanas
 De quem feitos illustres se souberam
 De quem ficam memorias soberanas
 De quem se ganha a vida com perdô-la
 Doce fazendo a morte as honras dela!

Celebra-se universalmente este dia e nós os católicos o celebramos concios de que a aurora com que ele raiou, trouxe a Humanidade as primicias de um vivificador resgatp e veiu dar à família os foros de uma purificada soberania.

Aquele que neste dia nasceu veiu ensinar-nos que a Sociedade não é perfeita e nem pode subsistir sem esta sublime trilogia, A Fé, a Liberdade e a Caridade.

Fortaleçamo-nos na fé, respeitamos, livres, como somos, a liberdade de pensar dos outros, e tratemos com caridade o nosso proprio adversario e so assim é que a paz ainda voltará ao seio da família portuguesa.

A a paz, ordem e o prestigio.

Eis o que necessita o nosso Portugal, hoje mais do que nunca. Administradores ou administrados, queiramo-nos bem e respeitamo-nos uns aos outros. O dia é consagrado à família; pois em meio das nossas festas consagramos uma parte do nosso affecto ao bem comum de todos.

Careos expatriados! quantos de nós que desfrutamos ou deixamos o nosso lar, á procura de melhor futuro ou em busca de menos penosa privação não sentiremos neste dia o travor do desconforto, quantos de nós não curtiremos neste dia a aspera saudade, humedecendo a toalha da nossa mesa com o pranto de uma desoladora separação.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

NAM PAK HONG COM-MODITIES.

Java Sugar.—Purchases from importers for export are insignificant as arrivals have been numerous and local stocks are fairly big. Although the importers are loath to reduce their quotations, speculators who have lots on hand are under- quating the market by about as much as 5 to 7 per cent. Official quotations this morning for "spot" goods, usual guild terms, delivery in one week were about \$15.00 per picul net; delivery in two weeks were about \$15.30/15.40; and delivery in one month, about \$15.40/15.50.

Rice.—There is hardly any change to record. Imports are small but, on the other hand, there are no shipments to the interior on account of disintegrated up-country traffic.

Flour.—Speculators with lots due are selling at several cents per 50 lb. sack below importers' and dealers' quotations. Prices are down from one to two cents per sack.

Quantos filhos, a mistura com o regosio doutros que, considerados mais felizes, se entregam a indizíveis comçoos de suave expansao familiar, não cheiam neste dia lagrimas ardentes lembrando o venerado nome dos pais que nunca mais poderao abraçar.

Careos Expatriados! Neste dia em que nos inflama o santo amor de família e nos palpita o apurado amor do nosso querido Macau abraçamo-nos em espirito com toda a família portuguesa para a felicidade e engrandecimento do nome português.

A Kermesse realisada no domingo passado teve uma enorme concorrencia da parte do povo da Colonia, sendo abrilhantada pela presença de Sua Exa. o Governador da Colonia e sua Exma. Esposa que se dignaram abrir a Kermesse, demonstrando assim o interesse que lhes merece tao caritativa Associação. Não nos enganamos na preterida quinta-feira, prevendo uma avultada quantia, como resultado duma bela festa. Calcula-se que subiu a \$30.000, importancia que vai ter a melhor applicação, guardando dores aplacando sofrimentos, socorrendo miserias, a necessitados da fortuna, a desventurados da sorte. Bem hajam todos aqueles que concorreram para tao humanitaria e caritativa obra.

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CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain P. R. S. Purslow, of the "Suifu," is on reserve.
 Captain M. H. Leitch, from reserve, has gone master, "Suifu."
 Mr. V. D. H. Bidwell, chief officer, "Suifu," is on leave.
 Mr. W. E. Steel, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Suifu."
 Mr. A. V. Taylor, chief officer, "Suifu," is on leave.
 Mr. A. J. Nathan, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Suifu."
 Mr. R. Thompson, chief engineer, "Suifu," is on reserve.
 Mr. J. Roxburgh, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Suifu."
 Captain J. McAlister, from reserve, has gone master, "Suifu."
 Mr. F. E. Lane, acting master, "Suifu," has gone chief officer, "Suifu."
 Mr. A. M. W. Taylor, chief officer, "Suifu," has gone chief officer, "Suifu."
 Mr. A. B. Osmond, chief officer, "Suifu," is on reserve.
 Mr. F. T. Harris, chief officer, "Suifu," has gone chief officer, "Suifu."
 Mr. E. P. Kiddy, acting chief officer, "Suifu," has gone second officer, same ship.
 Mr. N. Churchill, from leave, has gone second officer, "Suifu."
 Captain D. Christie, from leave, has gone master, "Suifu."
 Captain M. Dowson of the "Kutwo," is on leave.
 Mr. W. G. Walter, acting second officer, "Suifu," has gone supply second officer, same ship.
 Mr. R. L. C. Holt, second officer, "Suifu," has resigned.
 Mr. M. J. Dallas, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Suifu."
 Captain LeBrun of the "Kwang-shing," is on reserve.
 Captain A. Watson has been appointed master, "Kwang-shing."
 Mr. J. Shiel has been appointed third officer, "Kwang-shing."
 Mr. E. Hemple, supply third officer, "Kwang-shing," is on reserve.
 Mr. J. H. Wollcott, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Sanning."
 Mr. C. S. Robb, chief officer, "Sanning," is on reserve.
 Mr. C. Kemmit has been appointed second officer, "Sarvistan."
 Mr. J. S. Belletty, second officer, "Sarvistan," has resigned.
 Mr. S. B. DeMearin has been appointed third officer, "Englestan."
 Mr. A. J. Brown, third officer, "Englestan," is on reserve.
 Mr. D. C. Jones has been appointed supply second officer, "Fatshan."
 Mr. E. G. Thomas, from reserve, has gone supply second officer, "Fatshan."

NAVAL MARATHON.

YESTERDAY'S FINE RACE.

A Naval marathon was run at Happy Valley yesterday for the "Titanic" challenge cup. The route was from the Monument along the new motor road, across the top of the valley and back by Leighton Hill Road, Broadwood Road to the Naval pavilion, a distance of about 4½ miles. Five teams were represented by 12 men each, the first six home to count.
 The team result was—
 1. "Diomedes" 68 pts.
 2. "Titanic" 88
 3. "Hawkins" 113
 4. "Despatch" 118
 5. "Carlisle" 137
 The individual placing was—
 (1) Lieut. Weyms (Titanic) 24 mins.
 (2) Lieut. Thomson (Titanic) 24½ mins.
 (3) A.B. Smith (Carlisle).
 (4) A.B. Trendel (Diomedes).
 At the conclusion of the race the challenge cup was presented to the winning team by Mrs. Grace, wife of the Commodore.

A DRAMATIC COMEDY.

NOVEL FILM AT CORONET.

It is not often that the so-called "comedy" film makes much pretence to possessing a plot, but in "A Small Town Idol," the 6 reel Mack Sennett attraction at the Coronet to-day, there is as much story as in the average drama.
 Ben Turpin is the leading light. He begins as Sam Smith, the idol of his native place, whose prowess as an amateur horseman has raised him very high in his friends' esteem. Driven from home by the machinations of his enemies, he wanders into a motion picture scene which requires a "double" for the hero in the thrilling climax scene. Smith, firmly determined to end it all in the dive into the river called for by the picture, has the misfortune to make a huge success of the stunt, and promptly becomes, willynilly, a movie star of the first magnitude.
 This is only the beginning of the highly amusing story, which is adorned by the presence in the cast of Phyllis Haver and Marie Prevost, the two most seductive of the famous Sennett beauties.

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HONGKONG ART EXHIBITION.

(BY SAMUEL PEPPYS, JR.)

December 19.

Up, and to the office, where to my great content I do find the Editor much overjoyed and in right good spirits, which God knows pleaseth my heart right well. Do recount to him the joyous singing of the ladies and men of the Philharmonic Society who so right well did sing previously the night before and did then and then put upon paper the thoughts that beset me. That being done did gather up my scanty belongings, and with great timidity and timorously, yet with a boldness that I cannot even now explain, did borrow one dollar from him of the blue pencil. So up and with great joy did go to the Art Club Exhibition. And in all humbleness of mind and meekness such as my great forbear never had, did walk in the room of Helena where picture it may be that is shown upon the wall in a scurry frame and all. It being a mighty pleasant day, I feared that that many more than I durst think of would be there. "For," I said, "Art is indeed a great thing. It is mighty and will prevail." But to my great discontent I find no fewer than five be in the room and one critic, for he contracteth his brow, looketh long and 'e'en putteth pencil to paper so that I wonder what he can find to say. Comes there a Dame who remindeth me that I have not yet paid, and forthwith to my great confusion and discomfort, bang do go fifty cents. I on this do search searchingly for picture No. 1, but can only find No. 87. But to my content I alight on the alpha but soon I am at the omega, and so out to tiffin at which I ponder to such an extent that my steps wander past and beyond the pay-box. And I do wonder why so many do see such strange things in and from this Island of ours, and do value them at from \$8 to \$150 which seemeth to me no small sum. But these things are beyond me. Yet would I fain possess No. 61 which is described as "Dusk in the Park." It do appear to me all that a good picture should be. Also am I much intrigued with No. 72 and have a mind for 58 and 19, which latter, a study of a girl's head, hath much boldness of outline. No. 69 for \$50 is a design for a lamp; but my Scotch blood telleth me that I can get a lamp and shade for this sum and have some left. And so redoubting and to my great disturbance find that 50 cents gone into seeing 87 pictures, with no cup of tea in which to drown my sorrow. And so away I trotted in my mind at my lack of good fortune by which I am not gifted to paint and sell, which I take very unkindly.

NAVAL ASSEMBLY.

FIGHT NARROWLY AVOIDED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KONGMOON December 19.
 H. M. S. "Cicala" is still here and it is noteworthy that she has never previously stayed so long. The following Chinese naval craft are also in the harbour, viz:—the gunboats, "Kong Tai," "Kong Hon," "Loong Sheung" and "Kwong Hung" and a number of commandeered armed launches.
 On Monday night a fight between Admiral Chan Chai's troops and the Merchants Volunteer Corps was narrowly avoided. The trouble arose through some misunderstanding over a rifle.
 Apparently, the situation in the Sze Yip districts and the southern peninsula has improved as the Shui Tung junk-fleets have resumed their service. However, a rumour is current that Shum Hung-ying is active up in the North West.
 Further details are to hand concerning the big fire at Kung Yick. The railway ferry was in mid-stream when the fire broke out and a panic ensued. The Wharf and a junk which were involved later were used to take the passengers and crew ashore. Hardly anything was done to combat the outbreak as everybody was scared of flying timbers which were intermingled with the cracking of rifle bullets. The cruiser "Wing Fung" left yesterday, ostensibly, to patrol the Gao Moon channel.
 To-day the San Wui magistrate has promised to give up his post.
 General Wong Ming-tong has announced that he will make Sunning his temporary headquarters, but his troops are quartered in Kongmoon, Hoiping and elsewhere.

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EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

HOME NOTES.

The exhibition committee has decided to issue a special Palestine Handbook for distribution free of charge at the Palestine Pavilion at the British Empire Exhibition. The book will consist of about 200 pages, with a cover in colours, and numerous half-tone plates of Palestine scenes, among them several aerial photographs which have never before been published. There will be articles on the Palestinian health resorts, on literature and guidebooks on Palestine, the geology of Palestine, the Palestinian battle fields, the Dome of the Rock, Palestinian flowers and birds, antiquities, the Dead Sea, traditional industries, modern industries and developments, and also on the most important towns and places of interest.

Designs are invited for a dining room and bedroom furnished in the style of 1924 to form part of the applied art section of the Palace of Arts at the British Empire Exhibition. Prizes to the value of £400 have been offered by Country Life for the best designs submitted.
 The Palace of Arts will include among its other interesting features a series of six decorated rooms illustrating the progress of decorative art since 1750. Two of these rooms will be designed and be furnished in the styles of the Georgian and Regency periods covering the years 1750 and 1815; two others will illustrate the standard of interior decorative art, attained respectively in 1851 and 1880. The modern rooms will demonstrate the remarkable advance made in this sphere of applied art since those dates.
 Competitors must be of British birth or of British parentage. The designs are to be considered by a special jury of award, consisting of Sir Edwin Lutyens, Miss Ellen G. Woolrich, P. Morley Horder and Norman Wilkinson.

Dr. Francesco Buhagian, who has just been elected Prime Minister of Malta, is linked prominently with the Government's scheme to bring Maltese enterprises before the notice of Great Britain and the dominions. The resolution, unanimously adopted, on the occasion of Dr. Buhagian's election by a gathering of 12,000 residents, affirming Malta's loyalty to the British Constitution, has been forwarded to the Foreign Office, and with it an indication of Malta's desire to develop certain commercial potentialities.

The Maltese Government has arranged to set up at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley next year an historical replica of Malta, conveying a vivid idea of the once strongly fortified island of the Mediterranean. There will be reproduced models of prehistoric temples and monuments, objects of antiquarian and paleontological interest, and stone and bronze age vases.
 The building will consist of three sections. The first will represent ancient Malta; the second, Malta during the period of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem; and the third, Malta of to-day.
 For the first time in England, there will be shown in the Hall of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem relics of those noble knights, such as suits of armour, arms, and accoutrements, and trophies of their wars in the cause of Christianity.
 In the section devoted to modern Malta, there will be demonstrated the arts and crafts of the islanders, the most famous and beautiful of which are the Maltese lace and filigree work. Maltese craftsmen will be seen at work during the whole period of the exhibition.

THE STAR.

YELLOW TYPHOON.

Anita Stewart is the star of "Yellow Typhoon," the exciting drama of secret intrigue which occupies the screen to-night at the Star. The story, by Harold McGrath was widely read in book form, and the picture loses nothing of the punch of the original. Anita Stewart has the double role of "Yellow Typhoon," the woman who persistently outwits the secret police and her twin sister Rhoda. The story is concerned with plots and plotters, with much of the action laid in Manila and the Orient. There are enough twists to the narrative, however, to make "Yellow Typhoon" highly interesting.

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CRICKET.

GARRISON TRIAL MATCH.

At Happy Valley yesterday, two military teams, captained by Col. Butterworth and Major Hattersley Smith, played an interesting game, which ended in a win for the team composed of East Surrey and R.E. players. For the winners, Lieut. Armstrong made top score of the match, getting his runs by a good all-round display. Bt. Easton and Q.M.S. Stripp also batted well. Captain Walker compiled 31 for the losers. Q.M.S. Fritz and Mr. Gr. Rough obtained the wickets for the losing eleven and Q.M.S. Jacobs and Captain Kent were successful for the winners.

COLONEL BUTTHERWORTH'S XI.
 Capt. Kent (E. Surrey), c Fritz, b Fendall 17
 Lieut. Armstrong (E. Surrey), b Fritz 71
 Major Gandy (R.E.), b Rough 11
 Sgt. Cockell (R.E.), b Fritz 11
 Lieut. Alfred (E. Surrey), c Hattersley Smith, b Fritz 14
 Q.M.S. Stripp (E. Surrey), b Rough 20
 Pto. Easton (E. Surrey), b.w. b Rough 23
 Lieut. Colman (E. Surrey), b Rough 0
 Col. Butterworth (R.E.), b Fendall 5
 L/Cpl. Clarke (E. Surrey), b Fritz 6
 Q.M.S. Jacobs (R.E.), not out 6
 Extras 24
 Total 196

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Capt. Walker	10	0	41	0
Lieut. Fendall	15	1	50	2
Mr. Gr. Rough	17	3	46	4
Pto. Easton	3	1	10	0
Q.M.S. Fritz	9	5	19	4
Lieut. Hall	2	0	6	0

MAJOR HATTERSLEY SMITH'S XI.
 Q.M.S. Fritz (R.A.P.C.), c Alfred, b Cockell 0
 Lieut. Hall (R.G.A.), b Jacobs 9
 Major Hattersley Smith (R.G.A.), b.w. b Jacobs 0
 Capt. Walker (R.A.M.C.), b Kent 31
 B.S.M. Page (R.G.A.), b Kent 4
 Capt. Haigh (R.A.O.C.), b Jacobs 17
 Q.M.S. Dennis (R.A.P.C.), c Kent, b Alfred 3
 Lieut. Fendall (R.G.A.), b Clarke 2
 Sgt. Percy (R.A.M.C.), b Jacobs 19
 Pto. Nash (R.A.M.C.), b Kent 9
 Mr. Gr. Rough (R.G.A.), not out 12
 Extras 12
 Total 107

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Q.M.S. Jacobs	16	3	42	4
Sgt. Cockell	13	4	32	1
Capt. Kent	9	4	16	3
Lieut. Alfred	2	1	2	1
L/Cpl. Clarke	4	2	3	1

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE.

Teams representing the two Universities were opposed in a cricket match on the Club ground yesterday when the Dark Blues won after an interesting match.

After the Rev. E. Quick had been dismissed for 31, there seemed little likelihood of the Cantabs making a big score although two plucky partnerships were seen for the last two wickets. Bird took 5 wickets for the winners. Sir Claud Severn and Quick shared the Light Blue bowling honours. Sayer, the Oxford skipper, compiled 77. At one time it looked like anybody's game as with falling light, the Oxonians were 107 for 6, 116 for 6, 116 for 7. However, Sayer and Smith hit off the runs without further loss. After the match had been decided, they fell to Sir Claud Severn's bowling and when stumps were drawn, their score was 151 for 9 wickets.

Scores:—

CAMBRIDGE.
 Rev. E. K. Quick, c and b Wynne Jones 31
 H. W. D'Arcy Evans, hit wicket, b Bird 14
 J. H. B. Nihil, c Dean, b Wynne Jones 6
 W. Galloway, c Hett, b Bird 16
 G. O. Harris, b Bird 2
 R. E. Lindell, b Sayer 16
 Lieut.-Col. W. N. Nicholson, c Fletcher, b Sayer 8
 G. Miskin, b Bird 1
 J. M. Tan, not out 17
 T. Manders, b Hett 13
 Sir C. Severn, c Smith, b Bird 6
 Extras 10
 Total 128

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VOTING CONTEST.

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FILMS SHOWN RECENTLY.

This week, we are holding another voting contest for popular cinema pictures recently exhibited at the Coronet Theatre. Next week we will run a similar competition for films shown at the World. We will give a prize \$50 to the competitor who sends in the coupon agreeing most nearly with the order in which the first ten pictures are placed. It is not imperative that the coupon must be exactly correct to win. Somebody must win the \$50! Why not you?

Twenty names of cinema pictures are given below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut the form out and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."
 The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is: Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular items from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discarded.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final.

Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we give the names of twenty films recently exhibited. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1. A Tailor Made Man
2. All The Brothers Were Valiant
3. Captain Fly-By-Night
4. Disraeli
5. Garrison's Finish
6. Hearts Aflame
7. Hearts Are Trumps
8. Human Hearts
9. Orphans of the Storm
10. Rich Men's Wives
11. Salome
12. The Eternal Flame
13. The Kentucky Derby
14. The Love Flower
15. The Prisoner of Zenda
16. The Three Must-Get-Theres
17. Through the Back Door
18. Tofable David
19. Trouble
20. Way Down East

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
 China Mail, December 20, 1923.
 Hongkong.

Sir,
 I consider the following the ten most popular films from the above list, placed in the order in which I think they are liked best:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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Name

Address



Viola Mitchell, 12 years old, is the youngest child prodigy in the world.

Viola Mitchell is a 12-year-old child prodigy, whose parents are forcing her to live a normal girl's life when she might be rich and famous. On a recent trip to New York with her teacher, Miss Margaret Horno, she played her rare Guarnerius violin before Prof. O. Sevcik, teacher of Kubelik and other prominent violinists. "She is marvellous! At 20 she will be another Maud Powell!" he exclaimed. Immediately Viola was besieged with vaudeville offers. But her father and mother Dr. and Mrs. Atlee Mitchell, refused them all and took their daughter back to their Pittsburgh home, where she is kept away from music for all but a short time each day and told to go out and play with other girls. "Better a normal, happy daughter than a thousand pale-faced child wonders," is Dr. Mitchell's motto.



Princess Olga, of Greece, daughter of Prince Nicholas and niece of former King Constantine, has been married in Athens to Prince Paul of Serbia, nephew of King Alexander. The Duke and Duchess of York represented the British monarchs at the ceremony.



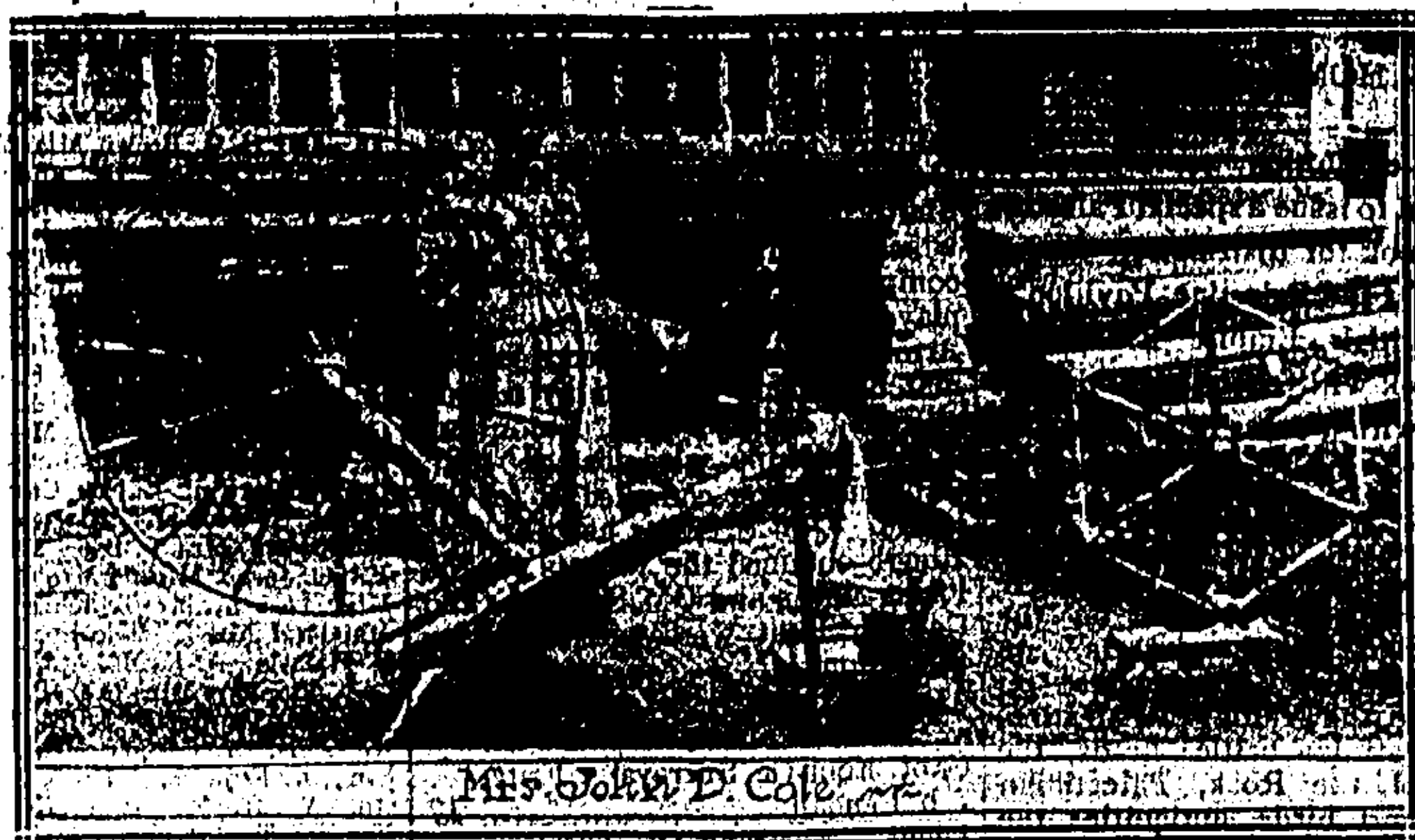
Dr. Hans A. Dorten is head of the movement of the Rhineland to separate itself from Germany.



Miss Bernice Brown, of Radcliffe College, is the youngest Dean of any American women's college.



Gaston B. Means, former special investigator of the Department of Justice, secretly indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, with Elmer W. Jarnecke, his secretary, has been held in \$15,000 bail in New York City on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws. The charge may also involve internal revenue and postal violations. Federal officials assert Means was behind one of the biggest liquor plots yet unearthed. Means was tried and acquitted in 1917 for the alleged murder of Mrs. Maude C. King, whose confidential adviser he was. He later lost a fight for her \$2,000,000 estate.



Mrs. John D. Cole, of the Choctaw Valley, near Anniston, Ala., is shown here with her spinning wheel, more than 125 years old, believed to be the oldest, in the United States, and still in active use. Mrs. Cole believes she is the only woman in the United States who still uses an old-fashioned spinning wheel to make her thread.



Fifty-eight camels, the largest herd ever shipped to the United States, have arrived at the United States Government Quarantine at Athenia, N. J., in charge of Ellis S. Joseph, reported to be the largest animal collector in the world. On the same steamer, which came from Australia, he brought 97 kangaroos, 3 lions, 12 Tasmanian devils and other animals. After the animals have remained in Quarantine for sufficient time for the Government veterinarians to determine they have no diseases they will be sent to various zoological gardens throughout the country.



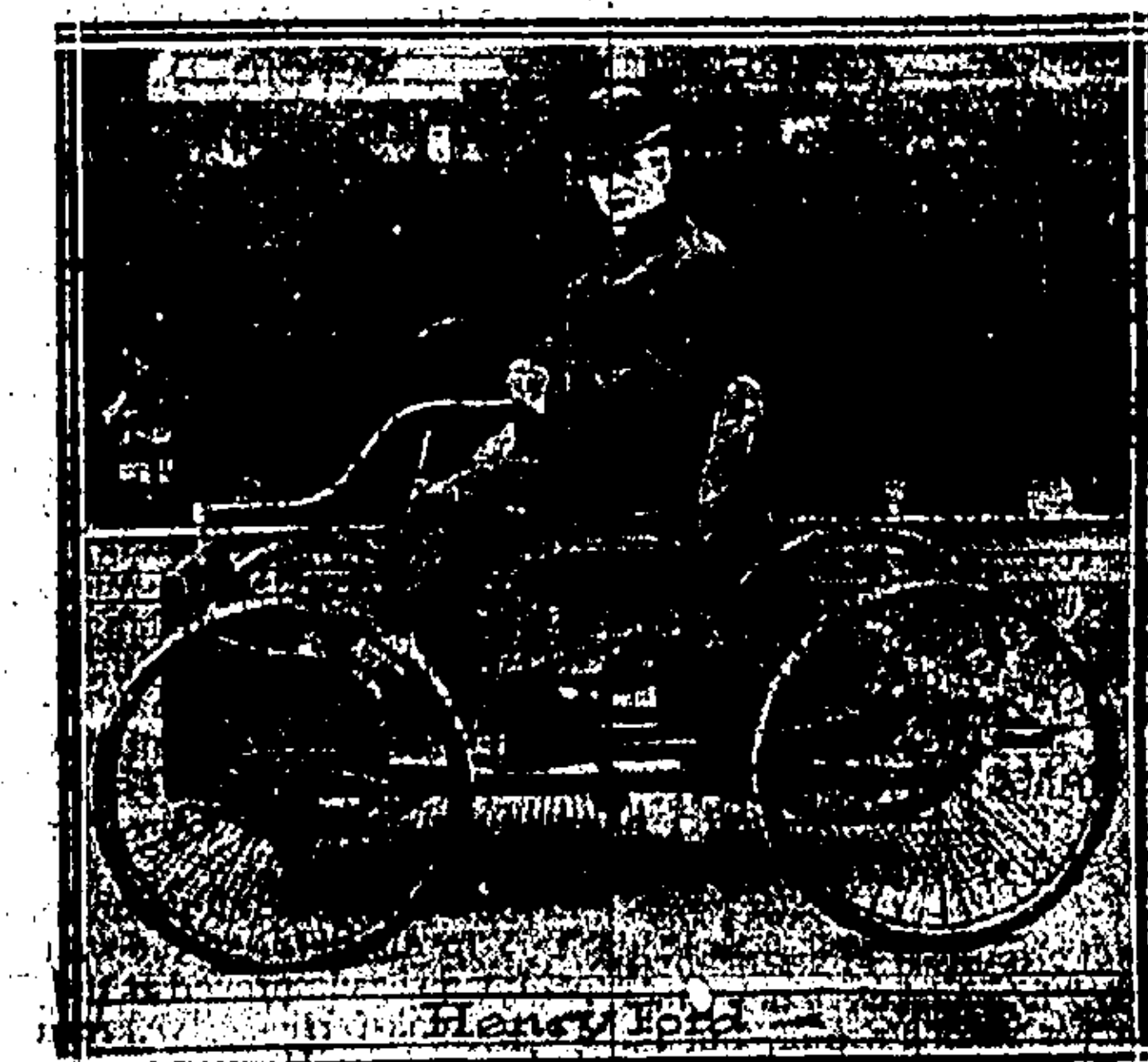
This striking warning, designed to reduce the number of auto deaths and accidents, has been erected in the Cincinnati Municipal Court over the bench where Judge Meredith Yeathman daily tries many persons accused of speeding, reckless driving and other traffic violations. One hundred and two deaths so far this year stand out in big red numerals. The number is changed each time a victim is added.



Captain John R. Quinn in 1922, at New Orleans, invited the American Legion to meet in San Francisco in 1923, and to prove that the Legionnaires appreciated the invitation and the good time they had in the Golden Gate City they elected Quinn their new National Commander. Quinn graduated from the University of California in 1912, joined the Second Officers' Training Camp at the San Francisco Presidio and went overseas as Captain of Company E, 34th Field Artillery, staying with the Army of Occupation until 1912, when he returned home.



Byron Thayer, 16, and Paul Inman, 16, of Wichita, Kansas, are the first winners of the coveted Eagle Badge of Scoutdom this year. Both boys fulfilled all the requirements for the highest honour in the realm of scoutdom, winning 21 merit badges.



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Merchants, General Importers,
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Bags Trunks etc.
- Merchants**
Asia Commercial & Development Co.—
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latest models and creations from
Paris in Frock and Millinery.
"The Centre of Fashion."
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—30.
- Soochow, (B. & S.) from Swatow.
—31.
- Amakusa-Maru, (O.S.K.) from
Swatow—Co's Wharf.
- M. S. Dollar, (Dollar Co.) from
Shanghai—Co's Wharf.
- Van Overstraten, (J.C.J.L.) from
Amoy—A5.
- de Goze, (J.C.J.L.) from
Stigon—Quarry Bay.
- Hain Wah, (C.M.S.N. Co.) from
Shanghai—Co's Wharf.
- Hok Canton, (Hong On) from
K'owloon—Co's Wharf.
- K'owloon—Co's Wharf.

DEPARTURES.

- Hydranges, (Chin On) for
Swatow—December 20.
- Telemachus, (Wo Fat Sing) for
Saigon—December 20.
- Yei Maru, (M.B.K.) for Hongay.
—December 20.
- Kwai Wah, (Yuen Hing) for
Port Bayard—December 20.
- Poole, (Tung Woo) for Kwong-
chow—December 20.
- Chikiang, (B. & S.) for Ningbo.
—December 20.
- Van On, (Yan Woo) for Hoihow.
—December 20.
- Wing Hong, (Williamson) for
—December 20.

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22nd Nov.)
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.
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Japan
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow
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Phanang
Tango Maru
Song Bo
Hinsang
Philoctetes
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.
Amakusa Maru
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.
Mitsuharu Maru
Tuesdays, Amoy and Fookchow
Swatow, Amoy and Fookchow
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.
Kingyuan
Taming
Haliphong
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27.
Yunnan
Chihabue
Chihabue
Namsang
Tibetans
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28.
Haliphong
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29.
Van Oon
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30.
Fro. Grand

WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 20d. 11h. 53m.—Pressure has
increased slightly at Wladivostok
and decreased to slightly at other
reporting stations.

The anticyclone is probably
central over S.W. Japan.
Moderate monsoon may be ex-
pected over the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 1935, 108.11 inches,
against an average of 12.70 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at
noon on December 21, 1935.
1.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds,
fresh.

2.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lantau. N.E. winds,
moderate; fine.

3.—Hongkong to Gay Hook. N.E. winds,
moderate; fine.

4.—South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan. N.E. winds,
moderate; fine.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT.

DECEMBER 20, 1935.—a.m.

Station.	Barom. at Sea Level.	Temperature	Humidity	Direction.	Wind Force.
Vladivostok	64.30.12	14	N	1	
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